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RE-ACTIVIST JUDGES

REAGAN PACKS THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY

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These are grim times for individual rights and social justice, and the situation is getting worse, especially in the Federal courts. The Reagan Administration is appointing to the bench a horde of ideologues bent on turning the clock of jurisprudence back at least to the pre-Warren era and perhaps to the pre-New Deal days. The relatively short era of judicial protection for the weak and the unpopular may soon be over.

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§ Stanley Sporkin. As chief of the enforcement branch of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Sporkin vigorously applied the securities laws to corporate misconduct. Now general counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, he was nominated last year to a district judgeship at the behest of Director of Central Intelligence William Casey. The extreme conservatives have opposed him, partly because of his record at the S.E.C. They held up his confirmation last year, and though he has been renominated, his chances of being approved are uncertain at best.

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